



Dear Candidate,

As the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club embarks on our endorsements for the June 2016 election cycle, your participation in our club questionnaire allows our membership to better understand you and where you stand as a candidate.

Our questionnaire consists of a series of short-answer questions (200 words or less).

Please return the completed questionnaire by 11:59 PM Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

E-mail all questionnaires to our Political Action Committee at pac@sflatinodemocrats.com. If you are unable to complete the questionnaire by April 5, please let us know ASAP.

Upon submission of your completed questionnaire, you will receive an invitation to our April 9, 2016 PAC endorsement meeting.

Good Luck!

Sincerely,
The San Francisco Latino Democratic Club



BASIC INFORMATION

Name as It Will Appear On the Ballot:	Norman Yee
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	Yes	No
Are you now or have you ever been a member of LDC?		X
Have you ever sought LDC's endorsement in the past?	X	

QUESTIONS (Please limit responses to 200 words):

- Please describe your qualifications for the position you seek plus anything else that you'd like our members to know about you and your candidacy. Also list any endorsements you have secured from others you wish us to know about.**

I currently serve as the Supervisor for District 7, where I work every day to address the affordability crisis, keep San Franciscans in the City and improve their quality of life. As a twice-elected member of the San Francisco Board of Education, I led the search for a new superintendent and worked to improve funding for our schools and close the achievement gap. As Executive Director of a large social service organization, I grew the non-profit enterprise into a multi-million dollar entity with hundreds of employees.

I have been endorsed by AFT Local 2121 (City College of San Francisco Faculty Union), I.B.E.W. Local 6, SEIU Local 87, SEIU Local 1021, Teamsters Joint Council No. 7, Unite Here! Local 2, The Harvey Milk Club, The San Francisco Bay Guardian; Former Mayor Art Agnos, State Senator Mark Leno; Assemblymembers Tom Ammiano, David Chiu, and Phil Ting; State Controller Betty Yee, City Assessor Carmen Chu, Sheriff Vicki Hennessy, District Attorney George Gascon, Public Defender Jeff Adachi, Board of Supervisors President London Breed, Supervisors John Avalos, David Campos, Jane



Kim, Eric Mar, Aaron Peskin, Katy Tang; Former Supervisors Bevan Dufty and Jake McGoldrich, Former City Attorney Louise Renne, BART Board Member Nick Josefowitz; San Francisco Board of Education President Matt Haney, and board members Sandra Lee Fewer, Emily Murase, Rachel Norton, Shamon Walton, Jill Winns, and Emily Murase; CCSF Trustees Rafael Mandelman, Steve Ngo, and Alex Randolph.

2) What do you think are the top 3 priorities/issues of the San Francisco Latino Community? And why?

Affordability, support for families, and education are tissues I believe are of utmost importance for the Latino community. We are seeing people of color forced to leave the city as housing costs skyrocket. As a Supervisor, I have supported increasing funding for affordable housing and stemming the tide of evictions, particularly in the Mission, which has seen unprecedented displacement.

I also have pushed for more family-friendly units to be included in developments such as Mission Rock, and support the “right of return” policy to allow those displaced by developments the opportunity to return to their neighborhoods. I also have been a strong advocate for increasing funding and services for senior citizens, so they can remain in the neighborhoods where they have raised their families.

Finally, I want to continue working to improve to our education system. As a member of the Board of Education, I worked to increase provide additional resources for education and close the achievement gap. As Supervisor, I authored legislation in 2014 to support education and children’s services and have consistently worked to increase funding for these vital services.

If elected to the San Francisco DCCC, these are all policies I would continue to advocate for.

3) What are your plans to encourage and empower the Latino Community into the Democratic political process?

Earlier in my career, I taught ESL and citizenship classes to new arrivals in our City. While doing this, I made sure to impart on our new community members the importance of voting, instilling in them the idea that one of the keys to empowerment is the use of



the ballot box. At naturalization classes, I was always on hand to congratulate the new citizens and get them registered to vote.

As a Supervisor, I authored legislation to create a pilot program to provide interpreters at our Board meetings so that all of our community members can have a voice in the policies that affect them. This program has been so successful that I am pushing to have the program made permanent.

4) Are you active in your community/communities? If so, how?

I have long been active in communities throughout San Francisco. As a third generation San Franciscan, raised in Chinatown, I got my start in community activism by running a youth program at the Chinatown YWCA, working on violence prevention. After that, I was a teacher and Director of a local non-profit that served San Francisco families. I also taught ESL and citizenship classes to newly arrived San Franciscans. Before I became the District 7 Supervisor, I was a member of the Board of Education for eight years, advocating for our City's children.

5) Which candidates are you supporting or have you supported in the following elections:

2016 SF DCCC: I am supporting the reform slate, of which I am a part.

2015 Mayor: Ed Lee

Sheriff: Vicky Hennessy

Board of Supervisors (District 3): Aaron Peskin

Community College Board: Alex Randolph

6) Do you believe that registered/paid lobbyists should be required to recuse themselves from votes that benefit the industry or organizations that they represent?

I do believe that those who stand to gain financially from a vote should recuse themselves from that vote. On the other hand, I did not support of Prop C, which went



too far, targeting non-profits and individuals, and hindering their ability to have a voice in the local political process.